

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

June 12, 2007

10:00 A.M. – 12:00(CT)

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. (MT)

Members Present: Judy Hoscheid, Janet Ricketts, Donna Olivier, Cathy Holden, Laura Johnson Frame, Jamie Reiff, Monica Mayer, Shauna Klipfel, Karla Schlosser, David Calhoon, & Elaine Roberts.

Members Absent: Carli Nigbert, Erin Horstmeyer, Pat Monson, Anne Reddy, Rosalyn Goodwin, Shawna Fullerton, Barb Hemmelman, DiVina Baker & Keith Moore.

State Birth to 3 Connections Staff: Sherrie Fines, Jan Lester, Crystal Goeden, and Merle Doolittle.

Guest Speakers: Kathleen Hebbeler and Donna Spiker

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Karla Schlosser.

Welcome, introductions and opening remarks by Sherrie Fines.
Sherrie Fines welcomed members and guests.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Judy Hoscheid made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Janet Ricketts. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved.

Old Business

- **ICC Membership – Sherrie Fines**

Sherrie Fines introduced the new member Elaine Roberts, Director of Parent Connections in Sioux Falls. Elaine is replacing Lynn Fjellanger.

- **State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report – Sherrie Fines**

Indicator # 4 – ICC members were emailed a copy of the proposed Family Survey this spring. Each member received a hard copy of the final draft of the survey in the meeting handouts. The service coordinators received the surveys last week and will start giving survey packets out for families to fill out July 1. Included in the packets will be the SD Parent Connection pamphlet.

Determination Information – For the first time, the US Department of Education will issue determination letters on implementation of the IDEA to each state education agency for Part B and to each lead agency for Part C. DOE is the lead agency for Part C in South Dakota. The determinations, required under the statute are part of the on-going efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities. To make the determination, the Department considers the state's APR, information obtained through monitoring visits, and any other public information. A state will be placed in one of four categories:

- Meets the requirements and purposes of the IDEA
- Needs assistance in implementing the requirements of the IDEA
- Needs intervention in implementing the requirements of the IDEA
- Needs substantial intervention in implementing the requirements of the IDEA

The IDEA identifies specific technical assistance or enforcement actions aligned with each of the determinations, with the exception of "Meets Requirements" that the Department must take under specific circumstances. South Dakota is awaiting its Part C determination. Subsequent to this meeting, the letter was received and South Dakota Part C is one of only 15 states to be in Meets Requirements category.

- **Annual State Applications – Sherrie Fines**

The Annual State Application was approved by OSEP. Starting July 1, 2007 SD will be receiving the approved amount of \$2,138,714 for the next fiscal year.

- **Parent letter from the SICC parents – Sherrie Fines & Karla Schlosser**

Sherrie thanked Karla and Erin Horstmeyer for developing the parent letter in support of the program. A copy of this letter has been sent to all ICC members. All parents that are currently in the program will receive this letter and are encouraged to share their own stories. So far the letters that they have received back have been very positive. The SICC will be updated on the response stories that Karla and Erin receive. Sherrie thanked Karla and Erin for all their work putting this information together and making it available to families. This survey makes it possible for the Birth to 3 program to receive feedback from families.

- **Updates on the Local Program Monitoring – Jan Lester**

Major monitoring of records at each program site is done every three years. The 06-07 cycle completed as of June of 2007 included the following programs:

Northwest Area Birth to 3

South East Birth to 3

Easter Seals Birth to 3

All three of these programs were found to be in compliance.

River Birth to 3, Center for Disabilities Birth to 3, and Black Hills Birth to 3 was monitored in the June 05-06 cycle. River had no findings. CFD had one finding which was closed out by December 2006 and Black Hills had three findings which were closed out in February 2007.

The 07-08 cycle of monitoring will begin after June 2007. The three sites that will be reviewed are:

Hub Area Birth to 3

Heartland Birth to 3

3 Rivers Birth to 3

New Business

- **Draft Regulations - Sherrie Fines**

Draft Regulations for Part C were released May 9, 2007 in the Federal Register. Comments on the draft Part C regulations can be made by anyone until July 23, 2007. There are numerous proposed changes taken from IDEA 2004 reauthorization, OSEP Policy Letters, and Part B.

The Infant Toddler Coordinators Association (ITCA) is a national organization made up of Part C coordinators from each state. They have summarized major changes being proposed in the Federal Regulations that will affect day to day Part C work as follows:

-Changing the 45 day time line from starting at the time a program receives a referral to the date the parent signs consent to evaluate.

-Changing the definition of Multidisciplinary to allow one evaluator to represent more than one discipline if dually qualified.

- Native language definition aligned with Part B to include requiring all services to be provided in the language used by the child in the home or learning environment.
- Consent for using Medicaid must be obtained from the parent.

There are numerous other changes throughout the proposed regulations. The Federal Register may be accessed via the Birth to 3 Connections website.

- **National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study (NEILS) –Kathleen Hebbeler & Donna Spiker**

Sherrie Fines introduced Kathleen Hebbeler and Donna Spiker, co-directors of the National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study (NEILS) who joined us from California via DDN. The National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study (NEILS) was a descriptive study of early intervention done over a ten year period. The study began in 1996 and the results of the study were published in January 2007. A total of 3,338 children were followed from the time they entered early intervention services until they entered kindergarten.

NEILS Major Study Questions

1. Who are the children and families receiving early intervention services?
2. What early intervention services do participating children and families receive, and how are they delivered?
3. What are the costs of these services?
4. What outcomes do participating children and families experience?
5. How do outcomes relate to variations in child and family characteristics and services provided?

Thanks to South Dakota! 47 children and families from South Dakota participated in the study in these Counties and programs:

Brookings – Brookings Area Interagency Network

Brown – Hub Area Birth to Three

Minnehaha – Building Blocks

Pennington – Pennington County Interagency Network

A description of the findings on each study question is available in the report published at the NEILS web site. The NEILS Web Site: www.sri.com/neils. The study also found that families are well satisfied with their early intervention services.

Public Comments – None

Other Business

Sherrie thanked the ICC Members for their work on the panel during her time as the State Director of the Birth to 3 Program. Sherrie announced that she will be leaving the program at the end of June. Members thanked Sherrie for her work with the Birth to 3 Program in the past two and half years.

Scheduled next meeting

The next ICC / Stakeholders meeting is scheduled for Oct. 23, 2007 at the Capital Visitors Center in Pierre.

Adjournment of meeting

Shauna Klipfel motioned to adjourn the meeting Laura Johnson Frame seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.